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## Public transit offer leaves Highlands East council with tough choice

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

To avoid "double dipping" in the provincial gas tax funding program, Highlands East council will need to choose between being part of a transportation service being proposed by Bancroft Community Transit (BCT), or by Haliburton County.

Cardiff in Highlands East municipality already makes use of the Gas Tax Funding for Public Transit program through the Ministry of Transportation, having partnered with the TROUT service, now operated by BCT, that brings residents from Cardiff into Bancroft once a week. The municipality provides an annual \$10,000 donation toward the service.

BCT has provided the public transit service route from Cardiff to Bancroft on Fridays since August, 2017. Because the organization receives gas tax funding, they are able to participate in the community transportation grant application to enhance or grow their current service.

"In February, 2018 a representative from Bancroft Community Transit notified us that an application for MTO fund-

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**Finding treasure**

Alana Smith, Quinn Carpenter and Cohen Carpenter of Minden celebrate Easter on March 30 at the annual egg hunt hosted by Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. in Haliburton. More on page 15./SUE TIFFIN Staff

## Bachynski rides again with a little help from his friends

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Ask Mike Bachynski about how quickly the community will act to support a fellow resident, and he'll answer in amazement.

"The whole experience has been ... fast," said the Haliburton resident of the fundraising efforts to help replace his worn-out, much-used mobility scooter. "It's hard to believe. I didn't realize it would happen so quickly. I was pretty shocked."

In about two weeks, the GoFundMe page started by his friend Andrea Strano to help Bachynski exceeded their goal of \$4,000, enabling him to replace the unreliable scooter he was using, with a brand new scooter worth \$4,500. And to top it off, friends, service clubs, community groups, complete strangers and an anonymous donor responding to Bachynski's story in a *Haliburton Echo* article didn't stop there.

"The donations came from local residents, anonymous donors, business owners from out of town that heard about it or saw it on social media, and the Lions Club of Haliburton," Strano said. "Many people stopped into the ReMax office to deliver their donations in person and I was able to manually enter those donations into the GoFundMe account."

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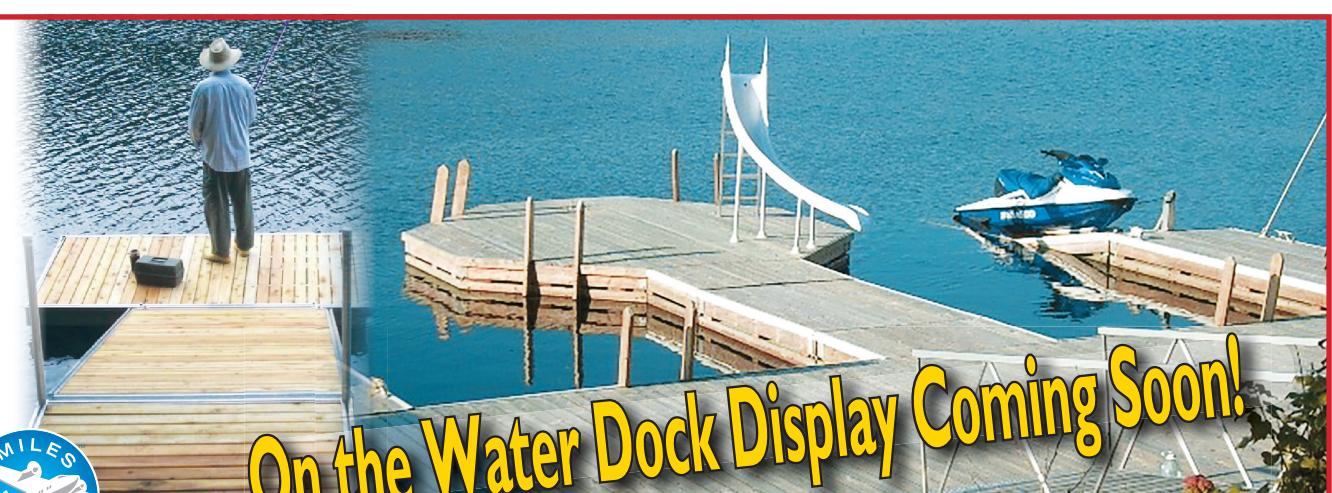
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# Stakeholders hope transportation groups can work together

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ing was being submitted that included the Municipality of Highlands East," wrote Shannon Hunter, Highlands East CAO, in a March 7 report to council. "I was told that the application is based around the need for specialized transit alongside a dedicated public transit bus route, to accommodate the distance or vast geographical distance that separates us; working towards affordably connecting our communities together."

"I was unaware at this time that the application had been submitted and requested a copy for council's review and advised the Bancroft Community Transit that we were unable to provide a letter of support at this time," wrote Hunter. "Due to the fact that the application has been submitted and the fact that Haliburton County is also investigating options for public transit, discussion and direction need to transpire."

Gwen Coish, director of operations, BCT, told council on March 21 that using the grant, the organization is looking at expanding to offer five-days-a-week service as well as bus shelters for riders, and possibly extending service to outlying areas including Belleville and Kingston.

"BCT has been operating public transit only since August of last year," she told council. "[There are] still things about the public transit side of things that are new, however, we are not new to transportation. We've been providing transportation for over 17 years, rural transportation. We are aware of the challenges that we face. When we took on public transit we knew it would be a big learning curve, but we also had prior planning, prior to this [we] talked about, what if we were ever given the opportunity to partner, what would that look like? One of the main things was to be able to grow the service we currently provide. We've been looking at this area for the last three years in terms of the transportation we provide."

In the last fiscal year, Coish said BCT has assisted with more than 4,000 rides from Harcourt, Cardiff and Wilberforce area for medical transportation.

"We're looking at this branch in the same way we look at Hastings Highlands or Wollaston in offering a specialized transportation service that's affordable," she said.

Cam Mackenzie, Ward 1 councillor, asked for a ballpark figure of the number of people who use the current return service from Cardiff into Bancroft.

"Fifteen to 20 people on a regular basis," said Coish. "It can vary. It depends on their appointments, it depends obviously on what their plans are ... It would be helpful if we were able to expand it to be able to get more riders as well."

"I had no idea it was used that much," said Mackenzie, who commended the reasonable rates of the service, which Coish said would stay as they are.

In December, Haliburton County council received a business case for public transportation in the county, submitted by a local transportation task force that had been formed in 2016. In January, council opted against applying for the community transportation grant, which would necessitate a commitment of five years to a pro-

ject. At that time, it was reported in the *Haliburton Echo* the idea of a five-year commitment made councillors uneasy, especially since they felt there was not yet enough information on how some sort of transit system might be implemented. It was decided then the county would hire a consultant to complete a transportation project implementation study. County planning director Charlsey White attended the council meeting in Highlands East on March 21 and helped break down different options available to councillors during the conversation about the sometimes convoluted process.

Should Highlands East council decide to commit to the five-year plan necessary to solidify the community transportation grant application through BCT, neither the county nor Highlands East could receive provincial gas tax money for transportation services which would be provided outside that program within the same area, according to White.

"The municipality could still choose to participate in a county transportation system, but their portion of the costs associated with county transportation would not be eligible for gas tax where the two programs overlapped," White told the *Echo*. "The rule is no double dipping." "I'm one councillor caught between a rock and a hard place with probably no 'win' option," said Cec Ryall. Ryall represents Ward 3, which he noted was the most westerly ward in the municipality.

"I could certainly understand Wards 1 and 2, because they're very close to Bancroft. Ward 4 is in the middle and kind of splits itself both ways, but probably a lot going to the Haliburton area. Ward 3, I'd say 80 per cent of our traffic goes to Haliburton and specifically to the hospital and various other amenities in the area. What you're asking our people to do, is to make a decision about whether we support something – and I'd have to go against my colleagues – which would take us east to Bancroft, which is where they don't normally go, and preclude ourselves to going west where everyone does go, in order to accommodate the funding model. It leaves me with a very, very tough decision. Go with my colleagues, in which case, if they were to go that route, or I could look at what my constituents want, and that would certainly not be to go to Bancroft on a regular basis in sacrificing the Haliburton route on a regular basis. So now, how the hell do I deal with that, is my problem. Because I can't really exclude ourselves from the Haliburton brand, and then that's it, we're out of the county more or less for transportation. It makes it very, very difficult for me ... I don't know why the Ontario government has placed us in this kind of position. We're not double dipping here."

"They've set us up to compete," said Coish.

An enhanced BCT service could possibly offer routes for Haliburton County residents to Bancroft, but also to Lindsay, Peterborough and Ottawa, according to Coish.

"So the long-term plan is to provide transportation to Haliburton and Minden, and that's easy to say, but do you have a business plan that lays it all out," asked Deputy Mayor and Ward 2 Councillor Suzanne Partridge.

Coish said the group had a strategic plan that identifies BCT vehicles in this area.

"The way I'm seeing it, is if Highlands East goes with BCT and the MTO grant, it's sort of a crap shoot as to whether or not we'll get transportation to Haliburton and Minden," said Partridge. "That's not carved in stone."

"Yep, it is," replied Coish. "It was our plan back three years ago to be able to connect the dots from our area into Haliburton. It's definitely going to happen, how-

ever, I guess it depends on where your commitments are in regards to where you allocate the gas tax dollars."

"It's also a crap shoot in Haliburton," said Ward 4 Councillor Joan Barton. "There are no wheels on the ground. There's a 75-page report. That's what we've got from Haliburton. We don't have any wheels on the ground."

County planning director Charlsey White summarized for Highlands East council the main options proposed for a transportation system in Haliburton County, including a book-share-ride service to allow riders transportation when they needed it.

"It's where people need to go, and trying to create a system that meets those flows of people for what they actually need and what they want to do," said White.

Barton expressed concern about the proposed plan.

"The ultimate goal for Haliburton at this point is book-share-ride?" she asked. "You know that community services tried to flog that ... in Wilberforce for years and had no success because no one wants to use book-share-ride?"

"So that is the business case based on all the data we collected from our agencies, hospitals, school boards, residents themselves," said White. "We went out and talked to users themselves and everybody said they would be on board with it, which is why it was one of what we recommended ... We wanted to provide something that really touches for everybody."

"Where I'm caught is I want to do both, and I don't want to jeopardize anything with [the] county at all," said Mayor Dave Burton. "I think you guys can do that. I want to play in both sandboxes."

"We want it all," said Partridge.

"Yeah, why not. We want it all. We're important," said Burton.

"If what you're saying is you can take our individuals to Peterborough, Haliburton, Minden, from Cardiff to Wilberforce, then I would almost ask if we could try to get the county and BCT together to talk and maybe there's a plan that can be looked at together," said Hunter.

"If you guys could work out some kind of deal, or co-operation, our entire municipality would be on that one, because I know I would be," said Ryall. "If we do support what you're talking about doing – it's a good thing, I'm not debating whether it's a good thing or not – it takes us out of the picture for the other side, which is where my challenge is. I'd like to hear more about what we're going to be able to do with the county before I make a decision, because this has got to be one of the toughest decisions in my eight years as a councillor that I'm going to have to vote on."

Council asked that BCT and the county meet to discuss sharing options and report back.

"We said, OK, you've got Haliburton that has spent a lot of time, did a lot of studies and has a plan in place for action, they want to try to go forward, but then you've got Bancroft Community Transit over on the other side saying, 'well, we're doing it, we can do it, and can do all these wonderful things,'" Hunter told the *Echo*. "At the end of the day, we said, can these two parties not talk to each other?"

Coish said that potentially the MTO could offer more opportunity for time for the two groups to meet.

"We need to explore how this would look and what this would mean for all areas of Highlands East," Coish told the *Echo*. "We need to do a little more homework to figure out how we can all work together so that no current service is impacted negatively. BCT is looking at expanding current service so that all wards in Highlands East are part of this service, however we also support [the] County of Haliburton's initiative here and are happy to explore this so that all can benefit in a positive and impactful way."

"At the end of the day it's what's best for the majority of the residents," said Hunter.

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# Motorist in fatal crash receives fine for careless driving

CHAD INGRAM

*Staff Reporter*

A motorist involved in a fatal crash that left two motorcyclists dead in Highlands East last summer has received a fine and had his driver's licence suspended.

In a Lindsay courtroom on March 22, Jamie Mountney, 38, of Hastings Highlands, plead guilty of carelessness driving. In sentencing, Mountney received a \$1,130 fine, a one-year

driver's licence suspension and a two-year probation.

According to police, the crash occurred along Highway 118 near Trappers Trail and Essonville Line in Highlands East on the evening of Saturday, July 15, 2017.

Mountney's eastbound vehicle crossed into the westbound lane, striking four of seven motorcyclists who were riding together. Two people, who were a couple from Uxbridge, succumbed to their injuries, while two others were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

# Drugs found after car collision

During the early morning on March 22, officers of the Bancroft Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a personal injury motor vehicle collision on Highway 118 in Highlands East.

Officers, alongside Emergency Medical Services attended the scene and located two males, both suffering non-life threatening injuries and were transported to a local hospital. One male, as a result, was transported by air as his injuries were serious in nature.

At the scene, officers located a large quantity of schedule two drugs that were tossed from the vehicle before officers arrived. Officers also located a

schedule one substance (cocaine).

As a result of the investigation, a 19-year-old Barrie man has been charged with possession of a schedule two substance for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a schedule one substance and careless driving.

The accused was released on a summons and a promise to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bancroft on May 15.

The other male will be facing similar charges once released from hospital.

Investigation is continuing and more information will be made available.

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# Dysart receives \$650K for Fort Irwin bridge

CHAD INGRAM

*Staff Reporter*

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 26 meeting of Dysart et al council.*

After previous attempts, the municipality was successful in receiving provincial funding for the rehabilitation of the Oblong Narrows bridge at Fort Irwin at Haliburton Lake. A \$650,000 grant represents nearly 90 per cent of the project's estimated \$740,000 cost. The job is out to tender, with construction expected to commence in the summer and be completed in fall.

## Septage field expansion

Pumping company Total Site Services has applied to the province for an expansion of a septage disposal site it operates off of Coaldale Drive.

"No municipal approval of this application is needed," senior planner Sue Harrison told councillors. Approval author-

ity for such applications rest solely with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

The expansion would increase a four-hectare operation to 10 acres, and along with septage spreading, add four septage lagoons.

As part of the application, a request has been made to rezone the property from a rural classification to a disposal industrial – holding classification. A public meeting regarding the zoning change will be scheduled. Harrison told councillors she believes the site location to be compliant with the municipality's official plan.

"This is an absolute perfect location," said Mayor Murray Fearrey.

## Telecom tower approved

Council has granted permission for Bell to install a wooden, 88-foot tower on an unopened road allowance near the intersection of Watts Road and Little Kennisis Lake Road. Two existing Bell structures are located on the road allowance. It's expected the new tower will enhance internet connectivity in the Kennisis Lake area.

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# Monthly fresh produce program open to everyone

JENN WATT

Editor

It's 8:30 on a Thursday morning in March. The sun is shining and the parking lot of Haliburton's A.J. LaRue Arena is filled with cars. There's no hockey practice or figure skating going on; Haliburton Rotary Club members are filling bags for the Good Food Box program.

In the foyer, a makeshift assembly line is set up running the length of the room. Potatoes at one end, carrots at the other and in between cabbage, apples, onions.

Diane Smith is shaking out the white plastic bags, getting them ready for the pile of produce that's about to be packed and shipped to more than 200 people in the county. A handful of volunteers grab the bags and move deftly down the line, bagging the produce with the skill of a seasoned checkout clerk. On the other side of the table, Shelley van Nood jokes that she can skip her workout and just toss bags of potatoes all day instead.

The bags quickly pile up along the side of the room awaiting pickups in town and to be taken away to all corners of the county, from Cardiff to Dorset.

The Good Food Box started as a program to provide affordable, fresh food in Haliburton County. The idea came up at a social gathering between Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit dietitian Rosie Kadwell and YWCA staff member Paula Pepping.

"The first packing and delivery day was in November 2001 in the foyer of the old YWCA in Halco Plaza," Kadwell wrote in an email to the paper, "34 boxes were packed and delivered throughout the county."

In the last 17 years, the Good Food Box has been adopted by several community groups including the Lions Club, health unit, YWCA and now the Rotary Club of Haliburton.

"The point of the Good Food Box is to ensure that every family has available to them some means of getting good, nutritious food that can lead to a healthy lifestyle," says Brian Nash, who co-ordinates the program for Rotary.

Kadwell says she's proud to see the program continue

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*It's genuinely about food security and being able to offer families ... a nutritious food box every month.*

— Brian Nash



Rotarians Maureen O'Hara and Mark Dennys keep track of the Good Food Box deliveries. Nutritious fruits and vegetables are packed by the Rotary Club of Haliburton at the arena and are then transported throughout the county. /JENN WATT Staff

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# HHSS wins grain challenge for a third time

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School won the 16th annual Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Great Grain Challenge (formerly the Great Pasta Challenge) for a third consecutive year with close to three points per student.

This challenge is organized by the G7 Student Senate – a group of students representing each secondary school elected by their peers.

According to the TLDSB website, HHSS finished with more than double the points of the next closest school, Huntsville High School, which finished with 1.16 points.

There were seven schools in the challenge: HHSS, Huntsville, Bracebridge, Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, Fenelon Falls Secondary School, Gravenhurst High School, I.E. Weldon Secondary School and Lindsay Collegiate Vocational School.

## Book looks at wild local history

JENN WATT

Editor

Author Larry Cotton is intrigued by the untold history of small towns. When he looks at 100-year-old buildings, he says he wonders at who visited these places and what their lives were like.

In particular, Cotton is interested in a window of time when Ontario's rural villages were at their wildest – from about 1825 to 1910 – a time of heavy alcohol use in incredibly difficult circumstances.

He's named a series of books after this period, called *Whiskey and Wickedness*, and has recently published a volume that includes Haliburton County.

"When the first settlers arrived in the town of Haliburton around 1860-1861, one of the local trappers remarked that Haliburton [County area] was only suited for damned fools and bears," he says.

"That was of course when the Canada Land and Emigration Company acquired the 10 townships ... from the provincial government for settlement purposes. That was [nearly] half a million acres. They acquired it for 50 cents an acre including the waterfront, but excluding any swamp. It shows you that land was not placed in high value at that time."

Many settlers came from more urban areas, he says, and were not prepared for what would be required of them.

"They weren't lumbermen and they weren't farmers. A number of them were small tradesmen or totally unskilled. That was a very, very difficult transition for them to make," he says.

During that time, the tavern played an important role in society more broadly.

Pubs were places new immigrants would recognize from home and were frequently the only neutral spaces you could meet with your neighbours and commiserate about the difficulty of your new life.

Meanwhile, shantymen would be coming in and out of these towns.

The escapades make for some interesting tales in Cotton's book, *Whiskey and Wickedness: Kawartha and Haliburton Districts*.

Cotton says he finds the stories by reading through old newspapers of the time and examining other official documents.

tional Institute.

The win is owed to the community and the school, volunteering students, student trustee Madeline Hopkins, faculty such as Brianne Pockett and especially local merchants such as Steve Todd of Todd's Independent Grocer and Brad Park of Haliburton Foodland.

Hopkins credited the local grocery store owners for their contribution, particularly since students from other areas were not able to secure support from their local grocers.

The challenge's name change was attributed to a new points system, allocating two points for each whole grain product and one for a grain product.

The Red Hawks finished with a total of 1,337 points, contributing the greatest single total of the entire 3,588 points collected by the seven participating high schools.

Although this result is a great success, the real winners are the food banks throughout the area covered by the participating schools.



So excited was he about his brand new mobility scooter, donated to him through community fundraising, that Mike Bachynski didn't even take the tags off of it before taking it for a test drive. Haliburton residents honked and waved at Mike from their cars upon seeing the new scooter. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

## 'A big thank you' to community

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Extra funds raised over the goal will help Bachynski with future repairs and upkeep of the new scooter, should it need it.

Even getting the scooter in his hands was a quick process. Bachynski initially expected it to take at least a week, but it arrived the same week it was ordered. His plans upon acquiring the new wheels?

"Take it for a good test drive," he

laughed. "On my Facebook page, someone posted a video of someone in a scooter doing a bunch of wheelies. That won't be me, but I'll be going."

Bachynski, who is active in the community as a volunteer and uses the scooter on a daily basis to get to work or run errands, is grateful for the quick response to his campaign for help.

"A big thank you for what the community did," he said. "It was greatly appreciated."



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*Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir*

## Talking to candidates

LAST WEEK, the *Echo's* sister paper, the *Minden Times* published a story about the candidates who have declared they're running in this riding in the upcoming provincial election.

As of press time, there are only two: current PC MPP Laurie Scott and Libertarian Gene Ballfour.

While there is still more than two months to go to election day, the lack of choice so far is worrisome.

The provincial government sets policies that have wide ranging effects on our daily lives. It invests in health care, regulates our wildlife, funds tourism, libraries and infrastructure among many other things.

On March 28, the Liberal government revealed plenty of spending in their budget for the next several years, abandoning their previous commitment to eliminating the deficit.

From day care for children 2½ and older to funding for mental health, expansion of pharmacare to internet investment, there's a lot of everything for almost everyone.

For some, the funding is a welcome infusion to underfunded programs and services. To others, running a deficit with a relatively strong economy is poor management of taxpayer dollars.

These are conversations that are important to have and the

debate among voters will help shape what policies end up being proposed and implemented.

One of the best ways to have these conversations is locally, which is why having few candidates emerge so far causes at least some mild concern.

In Hastings-Lennox and Addington to the east of us, for example, the PC, Liberal and NDP candidates have been selected by the parties and they're already familiarizing themselves with the area.

A meeting organized by residents in the Bancroft area airing frustrations about a variety of issues was attended by those three candidates, who greatly benefited from the opportunity to hear what the people (the voters) had to say.

Here in the Haliburton Highlands, having a sense of who is stepping up to the plate and putting their name forward would help encourage the kinds of conversations we need to ensure our specific issues are made clear to all parties.

Soon I'm sure we'll get more information and more candidates will come forward, but in an election where so much is at stake – health care, day care, the province's debt, climate change and much more – we need all the time we can get to inform ourselves on candidates and their policies.



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## Editorial



Take a gander

by Darren Lum

## Proud of our winners

THIS HAS been an exciting month for the member businesses of downtown Haliburton! The annual Haliburton Chamber of Commerce Business Awards featured over a dozen nominations of Downtown Haliburton member businesses and individuals in several categories. Congratulations to award nominees: Jeff and Andrea Strano at Re/Max North Country Realty Inc. Brokerage, Claire Duncombe at Highland Dog Grooming and Training, Judy MacDuff at the Christian Community Care Centre, Julie Goodwin at the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre, Mark at Walker's Home Hardware, Jaklin Johnston at UpRiver Trading Co., Sylvia Holland at Wind in the Willows Spa, Aimee Mansfield at Shoppers Drug Mart, Kevin Sicard at JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports, and Drew Carey at Vasey Insurance!

Congratulations to the big winners of the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce Business Awards! The Business Achievement Award Winner is McKeeks Tap and Grill. The winner of the Customer First – Business award is Kathy Stouffer at Master's Bookstore. And the Highlander of the Year is Andy Campbell from HCDC. Thank you to the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the great talent in the Downtown Haliburton Business Association member businesses!

Last week, a group of judges made their way through the streets of downtown Haliburton to select the winners of the Think Spring window decorating contest. Taking first place is JanKnit's Studio and Sewing Centre, second place is BMO and third place is Walker's Home Hardware. Honourable mentions to Castle Antiques, Kosy Korner, Lockside Trading Co., Country Pickins, and Bernstein's. Please take a stroll and

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## The Village

enjoy these beautiful and creative windowscapes!

Perhaps the highlight of the past week was the OMHA championship captured by the Storm Midget team. I was there along with the rest of the village (it sure was packed with wildly screaming fans) to witness a nail-biting overtime victory. Having been to NHL and OHL games, I wasn't sure what to expect. What I saw was three hours of end-to-end spirited hockey by very talented and practised young men. The coaching staff and parents of these young men have much to be proud of. But none of this would have been possible without the generous sponsorship of The Highlander who dedicates much needed resources to get, and keep, the Storm on the ice. Downtown Haliburton salutes The Highlander!

Just by the many different businesses mentioned, it is important to bring to your attention the diversity of the member businesses in downtown

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# points of view

## The mystery of Easter revealed

**I**F YOU ARE like me, you probably spent this weekend thinking long and hard about Easter and the important questions it raises. In no particular order, they are: How much chocolate can one person possibly eat? Would it be OK to wear this bunny costume, just around the house, after Easter Monday? And, most importantly, do I have the faith to believe in the improbable story that represents for most people what this holiday is all about?

This last question is a difficult one. For to truly and completely believe in Easter you need to suspend all disbelief and discard all science and logic. You need to replace these with unshakable faith in a story that is nothing short of miraculous and mythical.

That's the question I answered this weekend.

When my internal debate was over, I was finally able to look myself in the eye and express my convictions honestly.

I remember the moment distinctly. I stood there, regarded myself in the mirror, and said, "Yes, I do believe there is an Easter bunny. And boy do you look just like him in that costume!"

But, and I do not mean to offend any of you who believe even more, I could not bring myself to accept all the rest of it. Call it a crisis of faith, but after giving the holiday plenty more thought, I made my case to Jenn.

"You know they are lying to us about Easter, right?" I began.

"No one is lying," she said. "People are just celebrating their beliefs."

"Oh come on!" I said. "I'm not an idiot."

"Well, you were seriously thinking of taking your rifle to the Easter egg hunt," she noted.

"There was nothing in the invitation that said you couldn't," I replied. "Plus, if they don't want guns around, why on earth would they call it a hunt?"

Stumped by my infallible logic, Jenn merely shook her head. Then my thoughts returned to the subject at hand.

"This Easter story can't be true," I said aloud. "It's just not possible."

"Be that as it may, a lot of people believe it," she said. "And you should not insult anyone's beliefs."

"Even when people are being naïve and have not thought the myth through?" I asked.

"Yes," she said.

"Well, I don't care what they believe, there's just no way the Easter Bunny could lay all those eggs!"

Jenn was clearly shocked by the statement.

I'll admit, I was more than a little sorry to be the one to break the news to her. Yet, I thought she needed to hear it from someone she greatly respects. And, as her next words indicated, thought was a genius too.

"Really, Einstein?" she said. "This is what you were getting at?"

"Yes really. I did some research on the internet. This whole egg-laying bunny thing is a sham!"

"Dear Lord," she muttered.

"Look, I'm pointing out the obvious. Rabbits don't lay eggs. It's physically impossible, especially for the male ones, which the Easter Bunny clearly is."

"I can't believe we're having this conversation," she said.

"I can no longer live a lie," I answered.

"But..."

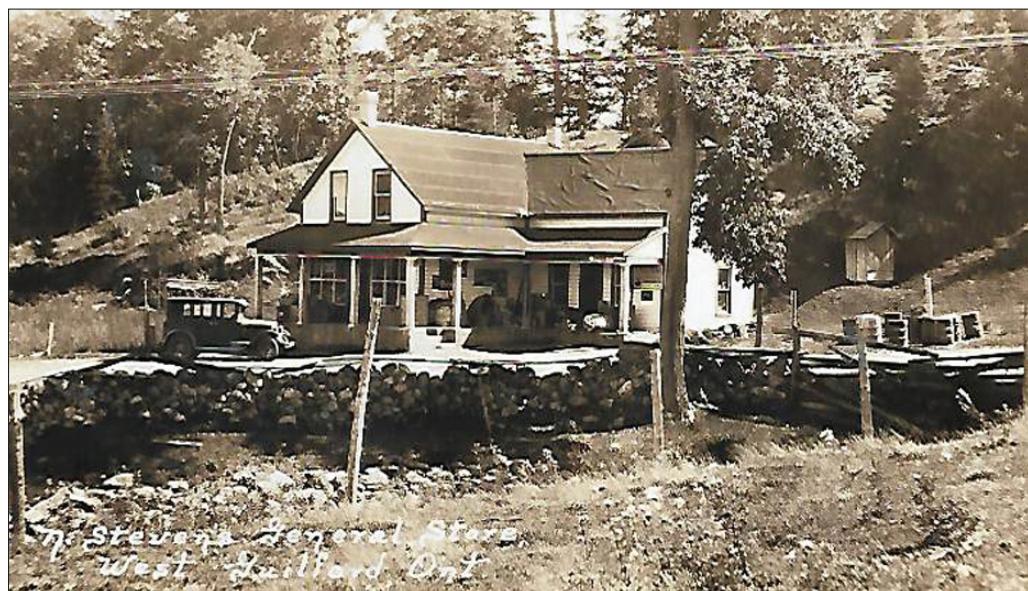
"What? You need more proof? Well then explain to me why those chocolate eggs are wrapped in foil! It's unnatural, I tell you. What creature lays foil-covered offspring? Also, have you seen the size of some of them? They're not exactly rabbit pellets! You'd be lucky if an Easter Ostrich could lay them!"

For the second time that morning, Jenn was speechless. I guess it was because I had hit upon something that was profound and earth-shattering. Perhaps that is why her quiet muttering and head shaking continued on into the late afternoon. No doubt she was re-evaluating her own beliefs and probably thinking that if she was wrong about this then she was probably wrong about other things. Such as taking firearms to an Easter egg hunt.



## Loon Tales

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## pic of the past

**N**els Stevens General Store, West Guilford, On. Nels opened his store in 1921. He ran the store until his death in 1943. The store is still standing and is now a private home. Submitted by Janet Morrison

## letters to the editor

## Paying for the budget

To the Editor,

Premier Wynne announced free child care for thousands of preschoolers until full day kindergarten starting in 2020, a \$2.2-billion initiative. Of course this would take place after the provincial election in 2018 if Kathleen Wynne gets re-elected as premier. No comment as to how this would be paid for. Reality is it would be the taxpayers. There is ongoing conversation regarding the upgrading and construction of public transit with no comment as to how that initiative would be paid for. Needless to say it would be the taxpayer. In all the Liberal promises I have yet to hear benefits for rural Ontario and assistance with costs associated to upgrade county roads.

With limited financial resources and taxpayer dollars many county roads are in disrepair. Perhaps our premier should travel Haliburton County roads to see their condition. The majority of revenue

is through tourist and travelling vacationers, however with limited industrial resources, rural Ontario struggles to provide more and more services as dictated and legislated by upper levels of government. Entrepreneurs are coming to our area and setting up shop. However, if our county roads are not kept up in good order this could have a negative effect on business opportunities.

I would like to know how much of the gas tax Haliburton County receives and perhaps county council could address this issue. Whatever resources are at the county's disposal should be investigated and brought to the attention of AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) and hopefully not to deaf ears.

Beverly MacDuff  
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# Funding increases announced for hospitals

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 29 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board of directors.

CEO Carolyn Plummer told the board the provincial government had announced an investment of \$822 million for Ontario hospitals in their budget "with the goal to providing better access to care, reducing wait times, addressing capacity issues and better meeting the needs of Ontario's growing and aging population," she wrote in her report to the board.

"The budget does indicate there will be a minimum of one per cent increase to hospital budgets. We are hopeful we will be able to benefit from that in the near future. That would be applied to our upcoming fiscal year," she said.

Asked whether the funding could be counted on if the current Liberal government does not win a majority in the June provincial election, Plummer said she was confident in the HHHS budget, but wasn't as sure about all of the promised spending.

"I can tell you that all of the budget announcements that have been made, all of the additional funding increases that have been talked about, we didn't include any of those in our budget plan for the upcoming year. We are confident we are set as long as they don't mess with what we've already got," she said.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has also announced 30,000 new long-term care beds in Ontario. Plummer said in her report that during the master planning for HHHS, "we will examine what might be possible to determine how we can best take advantage of this opportunity to help support the growing need for long-term care in our community."

## Break-even at year end

Finance committee chairman David Gray reported to the board that once everything is taken into account, he expects that the health corporation would be in a break-even position March 31.

He highlighted some of the year's successes, including hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for energy efficiency, emergency repairs and other initiatives.

"This is a remarkable accomplishment achieved by the staff of this organization that dug in and made this thing work," said Dave Bonham, board chairman.

## More volunteers than staff

Plummer took time to note that Volunteer Appreciation Week is on the horizon, the week of April 15, and that "between HHHS and the HHHS Foundation we actually have more volunteers than we do staff." Volunteers help with Community Support Services programs, in long-term care, in acute care, on boards of directors, in the auxiliaries and at the foundation. To recognize that dedication, there will be two events: one at the Haliburton facility on April 17 at 1 p.m. and the other on April 18 in Minden at 1 p.m.

## Quality improvement targets

HHHS has submitted its annual quality improvement plan to Health Quality Ontario and it's been posted to the corporation's website for the public to peruse. In it is a summary of the actions taken over the last year and the goals for the year to come.

Linda Hunter, the interim VP clinical services, gave the board a summary of what the documents entail.

Last year's achievements include "building a foundational culture of quality and safety for staff and phy-

sicians" as well as effectively tracking the medications and conditions of patients who use HHHS, ensuring they are given proper medications.

"We're also doing well in palliative care, both in the hospital and the community," Hunter said.

Challenges to tackle in the year ahead include reducing the number of days people are in acute care when they should be elsewhere as well as "focusing on both falls and pressure ulcers in the long-term care area and falls also in the hospital area."

## Community Paramedicine provincial example

Nearly 100 people have been enrolled with the Community Paramedicine Program since it started in October, Plummer told the board.

The partnership between the Haliburton County Paramedic Service and HHHS assigns a specially trained paramedic to do home visits for patients. Up until recently, all patients were connected with the program through the GAIN team, which cares for frail seniors.

Plummer said the program "is now about to expand to accept referrals from other health service providers such as physicians and Family Health Team staff."

The program helps keep seniors in their homes longer, gives family members peace of mind and allows the GAIN team to reach out more regularly to their patients.

"Currently, it is the only community paramedicine program in Ontario that involves this type of partnership and is now being seen as a leading practice for the province," Plummer said.

## Mental health services to distribute Naloxone kits

Although the health unit gives out Naloxone kits in the community for opioid overdoses, "the need for access to Naloxone has continued to increase," Plummer reported.

Mental health services through HHHS will soon be a distribution site for the drug, which is an antidote to an opioid overdose.

HHHS staff will provide training for community members who pick up the kits on how to use the nasal spray. "This will enable family members as well as clients and individuals who use opioids to be proactively prepared in case of an overdose."

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# Hawks host Kawartha, COSSA championships

DARREN LUM

*Staff Reporter*

If the Red Hawks badminton players needed more incentive to get motivated for this coming season they have it by hosting three tournaments, including a Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association (COSSA) championship for juniors at home on Thursday, April 26.

The team has been dutifully preparing for the last few weeks for this season.

There is a Kawartha pre-qualifier on Wednesday, April 4 for seniors at Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute and the next day the juniors will be competing in their pre-qualifier at I.E. Weldon Secondary School. The qualifying tournament for Kawartha is on Tuesday, April 10 at Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute for the seniors and then two days later Haliburton hosts the Kawartha qualifier for the juniors.

Haliburton will open its doors again on Tuesday, April 17 for the senior Kawartha championship while the juniors, who advance will travel to CDHS to compete in the Kawartha championship on Thursday, April 19. The following week the advancing seniors will travel to the Bay of Quinte to compete on Tuesday, April 24 at the COSSA tournament. This week the advancing juniors will stay at home for the COSSA championship on Thursday, April 26.

Senior coach for the Red Hawks Bob Schmidt said it's only been a few years since the school hosted a Kawartha championship, but it's been at least close to six years the last time Haliburton hosted a junior COSSA championship.

Having a COSSA championship at home enables family to come out and also gives the public a chance to see the skills of local players and, possibly, inspire Grade 9s, who didn't try out this year to join the team next year.

There are obvious benefits for all the current players, he adds.

A tournament at home saves players from having to drive anywhere too far or be forced to wake up earlier than usual to make scheduled starts, he said.

With the exception of being short one girl, the seniors will be able to field a full team (singles, mixed doubles and doubles). The juniors currently have the bare minimum of girls and may make cuts for the boys, whose numbers were better.

Schmidt said he doesn't have expectations

for the senior team. However he is hopeful for his members to develop and play to their potential.

The juniors will be led by long-time coach Jason Morissette.

Haliburton is hosting COSSA because no other school applied, Schmidt said.

The school's athletic director Ron Yake asked Schmidt about hosting the junior Kawartha qualifier and the senior Kawartha championship and COSSA championships for the juniors.

Despite the less than perfect traction of the gym floor and the basketball nets hanging from the rafters, Haliburton's venue is arguably the best in the COSSA region because of its layout and its size, Schmidt said.

"I think other schools like coming here. It's a nice setup. No other school has this," he said, gesturing to the gym. "The courts are all this way [lined up side-by-side]. There are some courts that are this way staggered and you have to walk through. Here you can just walk on and walk off. It's nice," he said.



The Red Hawks badminton teams (junior and seniors) practice in preparation for the upcoming 2018 season on Monday, March 26 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The juniors are working towards competing in the pre-qualifying Kawartha tournament on Thursday, April 5 at I.E. Weldon Secondary School while the seniors like Natalya Gimon, above, will get their first chance to qualify on Thursday, April 14 at Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute./DARREN LUM Staff

## Success for jr Red Hawks in enjoying the experience

DARREN LUM

*Staff Reporter*

Winning on the ice only adds to the enriching experience of competing with your peers said junior Red Hawks hockey coach Jason Morissette.

This was his response to questions related to his juniors team winning the Saints Spring Classic Hockey Tournament on March 21.

Morissette said the success came from enjoying the experience.

"Any sport where they're having fun it usually translates over to more success, right? That's how I look at it," he said.

The annual tournament included 16 teams with a roster of only Grade 9s and 10s. Morissette said the junior Hawks team enables some of

the students (who don't make or try out for the varsity team) to gain first-hand knowledge of high school hockey.

With scores of 9-2 over St. Thomas, 1-0 over Norwood and 4-0 over St. Mary's, the tournament title wasn't really in doubt except for the second game against Norwood.

Morissette said his team was challenged by a strong performance by the Norwood goalie and inspired play by a physical opponent.

"[Their goalie] just seemed to be really on his game. The other [reason] was Norwood saw us play the first game and I think they were really up to play us because they knew we did really well. We had a good squad. I definitely think they were eager to play us. They defi-

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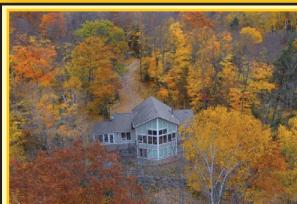
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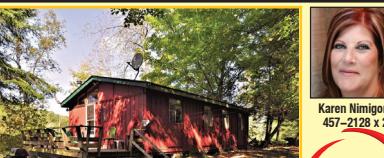
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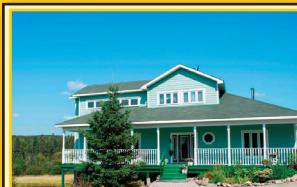
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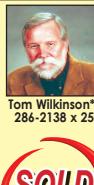
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Last year's district 11 Haliburton/Muskoka OSGA (Ontario Senior Games Association) plus 55 team assembled at the central regional closing ceremonies in Newmarket. There is still time to register for some 13 events in this district. Registration is \$17 (with additional fees for bowling, golf and pickleball). Deadline to register is April 16. Submitted by Bev Kerr



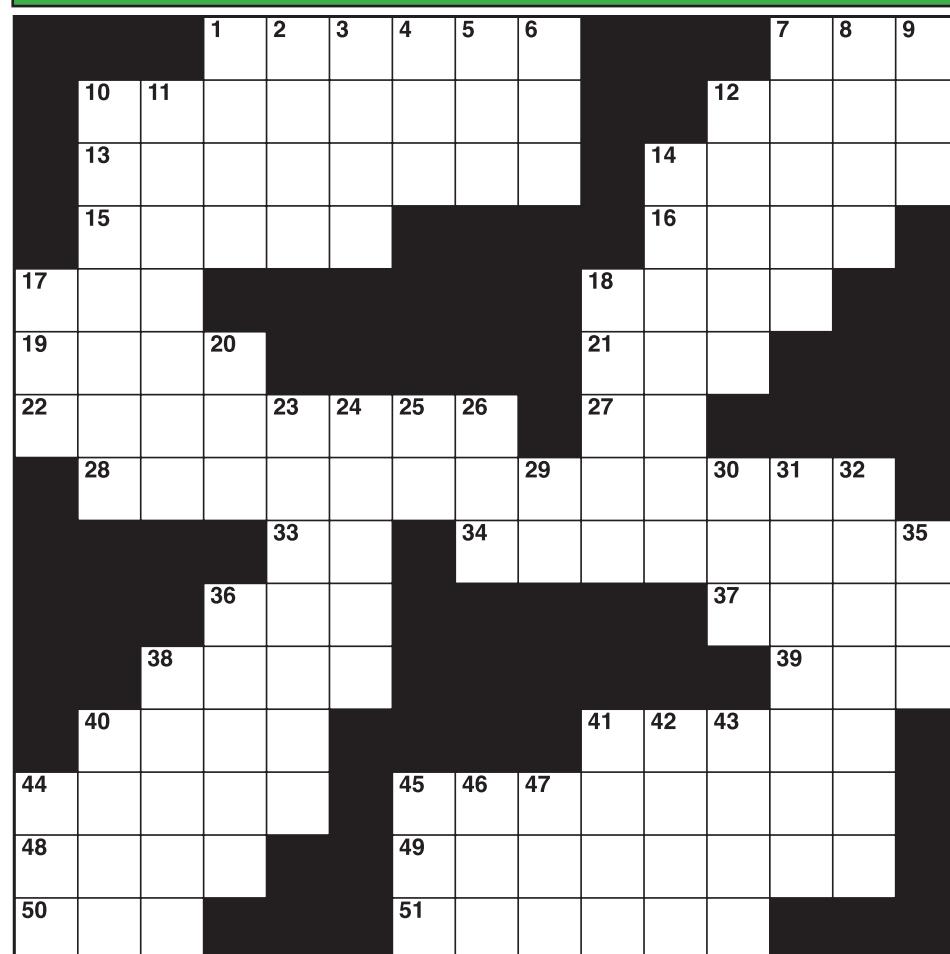
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- European viper
- Finch-like birds
- Civil rights college organization
- A person who organizes
- Small carnivorous mammal
- City in Sweden
- Grayish-white
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Six (Spanish)
- The highest adult male singing voice
- Political action committee
- Exterior part of a home
- And, Latin
- Where pirates hide their bounty
- Six
- Cores
- Diego is one
- Carvey, comedian
- Aromatic plant
- Carry with great effort
- One point east of southeast

#### CLUES DOWN

- "Beastmaster" actor Singer
- Rice-distilled liquor
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Wet, muddy ground
- Have an obligation to
- Defunct Chevy convertible truck
- Deer-like water buffalo
- Skin lesion
- Amount in each hundred (abbr.)
- Where kids play ball
- Roman judge
- One who endures hardship without complaint
- Cover the sword
- "Frozen" actor Josh
- Eyeglasses

#### CLUES ACROSS

- Female cattle's mammary gland
- Small fries
- Optimistic in tough times
- Make less distinct
- Surrounds
- Cost per mile
- A local church community
- Metal-bearing material
- Primitive persons
- Wild ox
- Group of countries (abbr.)
- Before
- Spanish be
- Opposite of the beginning
- With three uneven sides
- Gives a permanent post to
- Actors' group (abbr.)
- Cavalry sword
- Gland secretion
- Marine invertebrate
- Hybrid citrus fruit
- Pairs
- Used to serve food
- English broadcasting network
- Calendar month
- Comedic actress
- Gasteyer
- Company that rings receipts

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## Join District 11 for Senior Games

### DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Moving to the country to retire doesn't mean you have to leave behind your passion for competition or recreation fun, said a local active retiree Marianne Fenninger.

There are plenty of local 55 plus Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) district 11 competitions to register for this coming spring and summer.

Among the things Fenninger did in her first year of retirement here was compete in the OSGA downhill competition. She's been competing ever since.

Fenninger has loved the opportunity to compete and enjoyed the chance to socialize with other active seniors like herself and her husband, who is semi-famous for building a "net zero" house steps from Sir Sam's Ski and Ride, she said.

"I think it is a tremendous social [opportunity] ... We're all getting older every year ... it just helps to keep people active. It's a fun thing and the community has started to recognize and given a little bit of funding like shelters," she said.

One good example is the installed shelter in Stanhope. She hopes Head Lake Park is another one.

When the Highlands hosts these events it helps to raise the profile of local facilities and locations, she adds.

"It gives advertising to the tennis courts that very often in the day they are empty. Certainly it helps the community. As far as Sir Sam's, when you have a venue there it brings people to Sir Sam's who may not have otherwise gone there and also you want it to proliferate. You want to have these things in the county. You have to participate for them to stay alive," she said.

Fenninger and her husband were avid competitors in alpine, competing in the masters category across the country before they moved here.

Coming this season she will have competed in five senior games, which includes summer and winter. She has represented the district in downhill skiing and in tennis. Those events are what she has done all her life. She admits time doesn't permit her to compete in any other sports. When she isn't busy as a convenor or competing on the slopes or at the court, she is active with other groups, whether it's hik-

ing, biking or even tennis.

Fast forward six years, Fenninger is the convenor for the plus 55 district 11 one-day tennis tournament.

"You want the games to go on and to have such participation. People need to be encouraged to participate. They don't just sign up without any communication, without any hype. You have to massage them because people think: ah, it's a contest. It's a competition. Sometimes there is fear about that, but when you get into your own age category and you're competing against your own peers it makes it a lot of fun and it's very competitive as well. There is a lot of talent in the senior and master levels," she said about why she volunteers.

As a convenor, she said, she organizes the event, which includes the brackets, co-ordinating volunteers and securing the venue.

Her involvement in tennis extends beyond the senior games. As a tennis pro, which means she has instruction certification to teach tennis from Tennis Professionals Association and the Ontario Tennis Association, she is looking at ways to grow the sport by encouraging people of all ages to take it up.

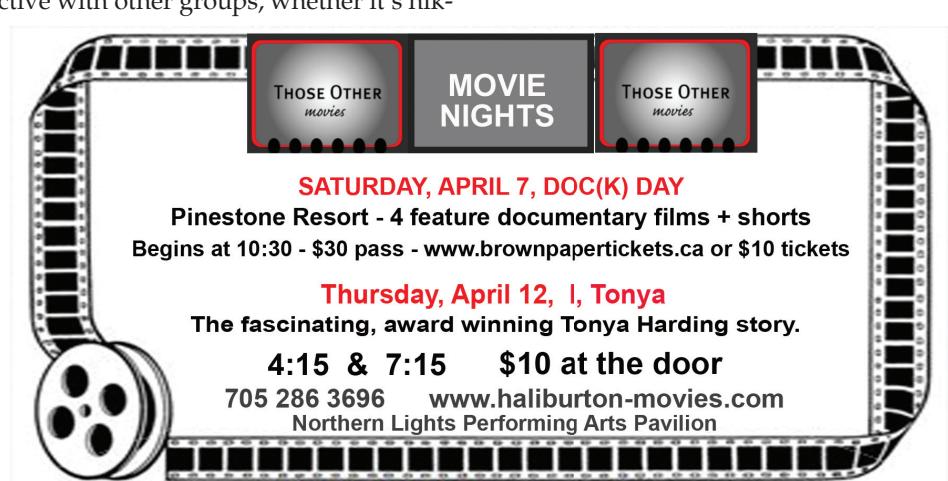
The registration fee is \$17. This fee allows you to enter one or all 13 events in district 11 Summer Games 2018. Additional fees for bowling, golfing and pickleball. Participants' deadline to register is April 16, 2018.

The OSGA district 11 – Haliburton/Muskoka Summer Games 2018 district registration forms are at the local Legion, Gravenhurst Seniors Centre, Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, 241 Pizza in Haliburton or the OSGA website under district 11.

Volunteers for this summer (yet-to-be scheduled) event, she said, are always welcome. There are all kinds of things people can help with, she adds. Contact her for questions or volunteer your help to her at 705-754-1067. For general inquiries about other events contact Mary Johnson 705-754-1884 or Doug McIntosh at 705-489-3850.

Even for those who don't compete or volunteer, cheering is encouraged.

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### Jumping Jaguars

Top, a J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School senior player drives into the Wildcats' key during exhibition action on Wednesday, March 28 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.

Right, a J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School senior player, left, reaches on a driving Archie Stouffer Elementary School Wildcats player.



Left, tip off between a Archie Stouffer Elementary School Wildcats player and a player from the Jaguars of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. The senior squads squared off for preparation for their upcoming season. JDHES will host the senior girls' Wildcats of ASES for an exhibition close to 3:45 p.m., Thursday, April 5./DARREN LUM Staff

## Keep coming out

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nitely came out to do that and they played pretty good defensively," he said.

He adds after only four practices to prepare for the tournament his team was still adjusting to one another, which led to a lot of solo scoring efforts. The Hawks roster included players who had played for a variety of teams, whether it was the varsity school team, the province best midget Highland Storm team, to AAA team in Lindsay and one even from Sturgeon Lake. Much of the team had played minor hockey together years before.

"They know each other ... when you haven't played in a couple of years it just doesn't happen. It takes some games," he said.

When the team played the tournament final, things started to click for the Hawks, who took on a far more relaxed approach, which resulted in better puck movement and a greater attention to team play, Morissette said.

Before coaching the juniors, Morissette helped Ron Yake coach the varsity team.

He sees value in high school competition for student athletes.

"You're representing your school. You're representing your community. I find there is a degree of respect to it. You're still following your school credo," he said.

School teams offer a unique experience for students. Unlike minor hockey when players are driven by parents or drive themselves to games, school hockey brings players together.

"You ride the bus together. They go to a restaurant afterwards ... as a team and we ride home together as a team," he said. "A lot of them enjoy that. It's a different experience."

Morissette attended HHSS and played for Yake and his father Paul on the school hockey team from 1989 to 1991.

There were players he remembers playing with who went on to play in university here in Canada and in the States, in the OHL, and some are still in the community now.

"They always talk fondly of their time playing ... the biggest thing they said was they found it to be a lot of fun," he said.

There is growth and a test of character, which builds resiliency when it comes to high school hockey. In high school varsity hockey a Grade 10 can be playing with a fifth-year student who is 19. Minor hockey is organized according to age groups.

"I think it will help your playing development, but it also helps ... you learn from those guys too," he said.

These athletes need to be commended for not just the success in the game, but in how they manage their time, he said.

"I don't know if people really realize how busy our youth are and with the things they do," he said.

This includes their efforts to fit in practices for the high school team, their club team and then also manage to complete school work.

He had a message for the Grade 9 players who didn't make the team this year: make sure you come out next year.

"I like and support the kids who put themselves out there. A lot of kids get nervous about maybe not making it ... the experience of doing these things does build resiliency in kids. I tell them: make sure you come out next season," he said.

He adds even NBA great Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team in his first year. Now he is regarded as the greatest player of all time.

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### Easter weekend starts off right

Adiya and Keetyn Mills were all smiles with the Easter Bunny, who rested after loading the parking lot with hundreds of plastic eggs that could be exchanged for prizes at the fourth annual Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. Easter egg hunt event in Haliburton on March 30. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

## Dysart council cost about \$122,500 for 2017

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*Staff Reporter*

Councillors for Dysart et al received just more than \$122,000 in combined compensation, benefits and mileage last year.

A remuneration report for 2017 accepted by council during its March 26 meeting showed that Mayor Murray Fearrey was paid just more than \$26,200 and had \$460 in other expenses for a total of just more than \$26,700. Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts was paid just more than \$17,300, had \$350 in mileage

and about \$865 in other expenses for a total of approximately \$18,520. Councillors Tammy Donaldson, Dennis Casey, Walt McKechnie, Susan Norcross and Nancy Wood-Roberts were each paid about \$14,845 for the year and with mileage and other expenses included, had respective totals of \$15,900 for Donaldson; Casey approximately \$15,300; McKechnie approximately \$15,200; Norcross about \$16,200; and Wood-Roberts less than \$15,000.

While Dysart et al has the largest population of Haliburton County's four lower-tier municipalities, its councillors have the lowest compensation. Council recently approved a pay increase for councillors that will come into effect

during the next term of council.

The municipality's five-member committee of adjustment received collective

per diem payments of approximately \$2,000 for the year.

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Police note no amnesty is offered for people who turn in weapons that have been used in the commission of a crime. No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

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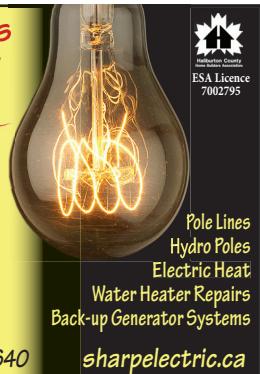
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by MARTHA PERKINS  
Editor

THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY CRAZY, and they're not exactly reverting back to childhood, but gathered in a classroom at Victoria Street School six hours a week, four months a year, are a group of adults who are willing to be laughed at by hundreds of people.

It would be worse, however, if people don't laugh at them. That would mean disaster, shame and life-long embarrassment.

Being a member of the Highlands Little Theatre means putting your ego on the line.

"I'm going to be sick," says Miss Elizabeth Hatfield, her face contorted in pain, hands clutching her churning stomach. Suddenly, like a curtain rising (in a real theatre, not a high school stage) on opening night, the anguish lifts from her face. Still bent over in the middle, Bonnie Fitzgerald looks over at Chris Lynd with a question in her eyes as well as voice: "Am I?"

Director Lynd quickly reassures Fitzgerald/Hatfield that she is indeed being sick at the proper time, and with the proper amount of severity.

A minute later, after Lynd yells out "Crash, bang, crash, bang, bang," Miss Hatfield is back at it. "Have I got time for my thronic — pwhut, pthwat — tonic?" Fitzgerald's tongue is back in her mouth as she struggles to overcome her laughter.

Meanwhile, is the Brigadier supposed to be sitting or standing? He yells "Positions everyone!" and then realizes that for the past page of dialogue, he's already been in his position. Whoops, stand up, sit down again, no, stand up.

"You sat down too soon," Lynd gently admonishes Bruce Amson. Proper positions assumed, Act III continues until that fateful knock on the door signals the lights will fade to black until Act IV begins.

"Good stuff," Lynd tells the actresses and actors. "There's a lot of good panic going on — a lot of it is on this side of the table, but... Oh

## The play's the thing

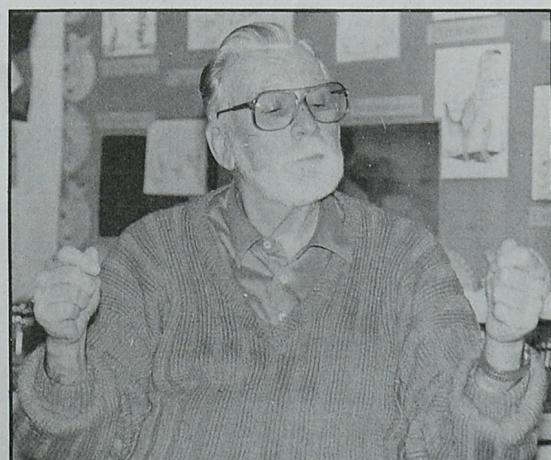


well, I won't be the one on stage. I'll be backstage going..." Lynd puts her hand to her head in mock despair. Everyone else, of course, laughs. A nervous laugh. Flubbing your lines is okay when there are just life-sized painted portraits of Grade 1 students hanging on the wall, but in two weeks, it will be real people following their antics. Why did they get into this in the first place?

For the uninitiated, all of this is a normal part of being involved with the theatre (no snobbish accent intended.) Along with the nervousness and fear of forgetting lines, are an excitement and energy as like-minded, almost crazy people join together to put on a play.

"We started rehearsing when, mid-January?"

Practising their roles in 'A Breath of Spring' last week were, clockwise from upper left: Anne Creelman; Bonnie Fitzgerald, Eleanor Cooper, Lisa Carr, Anne Creelman; Bonnie Fitzgerald and Eleanor Cooper; and Bruce Amson. They've got to be ready for the May 3rd opening night.



the director of *A Breath of Spring* asks her fellow members of the Highlands Little Theatre. "Yeh, 1989," replies Bonnie Fitzgerald, who by day is a teacher.

"What else is there to do in Haliburton?" laughs Anne Creelman, who plays Dame Beatrice Appleby. By day, she's a mother of two small children whose vocabulary does not yet reach that of her thespian peers. "You forget about everything else. You just get to act silly."

"It's grown up playing," says Bonnie Fitzgerald demurely, every bit the adult now. Lisa Carr, whose dramatic flare has hitherto been reserved for her figure skating routines, says she quickly accepted an invitation to play the maid because she wants to become an actress. "I want to be an actress when I grow up, too," says Fitzgerald.

"You get to be something you never get to be normally," says Brenda Ellis, who's normally cool, calm and collected at the Haliburton Hospital office. Now she plays a fur-coat-stealing English

matron and voice teacher, Nanette Angelica Perry. "For four months you're good friends and for the next few months, you don't see each other very often," she notes of the rather odd theatre lifestyle. When in rehearsal, the play's the thing. When the play's over, your other life resumes and takes control.

Asked if there's a bit of the show off in them, in unison the actors respond with mock indignation. "Ohhhhhh," says the chorus of modesty. "Well, I never," says Creelman, as she rises from her seat in protest. Lynd knows them well, however. "Hams," she says to describe her friends. "Capital H A M M M M M M . . ."

Do you get nervous on opening night, Carr asks, wondering what her first night on stage will be like. (Also taking part for the first time is Roger Scheffee, aka Constable Kent of the Scotland Yard.)

"You almost hyperventilate," says Creelman. Just before she steps on stage, she's a bundle of

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Director Chris Lynd and prompter Betty Mark follow the action



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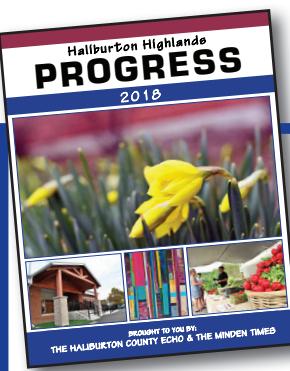
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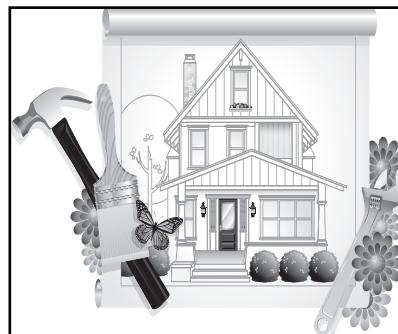
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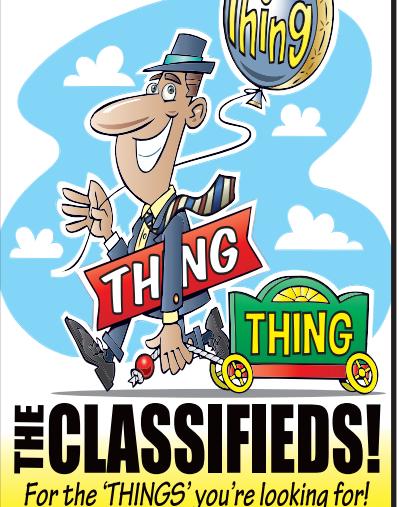
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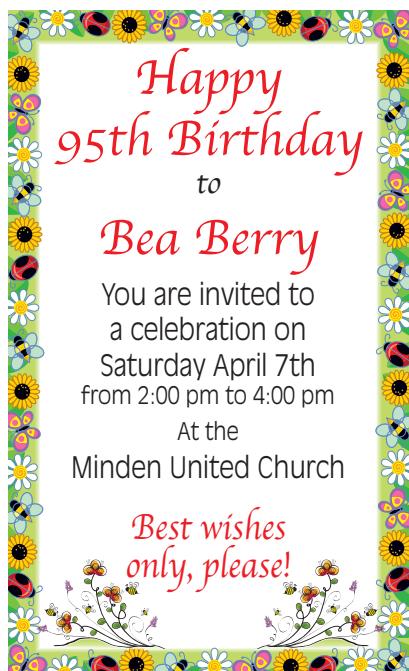
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Your generosity is overwhelming!!!!!!

I would like to thank everyone for their donations and generosity in helping make my dream of a new scooter a reality.

A special thank you to Andrea Strano for setting up a Go Fund Me page, and for Sue Tiffin in writing a great story about me and my scooter.

It means a tremendous amount for me to be independent, and the thoughtfulness of everyone in our great community will never be forgotten....

Thanks again....

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They are waiting by the river,  
Just across the silent stream  
Where sweet flowers are ever blooming  
And the banks are ever green.

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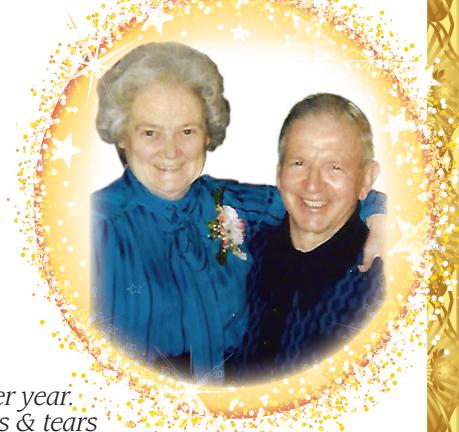
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## 650 OBITUARIES

### Remembering two loving parents Weldon & Pearl McPhail on their birthdays

"Birthday wishes sent to Heaven from your family here below. We miss you and love you dearly and we wanted you to know. Your birthdays are not forgotten and your memory lives on. We celebrate the life you had even though you've gone. If we were given just one wish one that would come true, we'd wish you back beside us to spend these special days with you. We will always love & miss you and will often shed a tear, especially on your birthdays year after year. Today is full of memories - happiness & tears of birthday celebrations we've shared throughout the years. So we celebrate your birthdays Dad - 95th on March 17th Mom - 100th on April 5th Decorations in Heaven are gold where the years come & go and you never grow old."



*Always Loving you Both*

Carol, Timothy & Dawn,  
Noah, Josh, Drew & Jesse McNeil  
and Kimberly & Michael,  
Chloe & Reed Ormiston

## 650 OBITUARIES

*In Loving Memory of*

### Earl Ashley Cooper

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at home where he was born 91 years ago, surrounded by his family and music.

Beloved husband of Eleanor Elspeth Cooper (nee Owens). Dear father of George Neilson Cooper (Shireen), Alan Ashley Cooper (Sophy), Elizabeth Elva Cooper (Paul-deceased) and Andrew Earl Cooper (Kim). Loving grandfather of Luke, Adam, Daphne, Melissa, Philip (Tatiana), Thomasin, Sharai and Logan. Survived by sisters Evelyn Bradley, Shirley Rapson and sisters-in-law of Mildred Cooper and Louise Cooper. and predeceased by his siblings Lorne, Bernice "Toby", Adrian "Al" and Sidney. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday from 5:00 until 8:00 pm and then to St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St., Haliburton on Friday, April 6, 2018 for visiting from 10:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Earl's Life at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at St. George's Anglican Church (downstairs). Spring Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

Masonic Service on Thursday at 8:00 pm at the Funeral Home.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation-Palliative Care Centre (HHHSF-PCC) would be appreciated by the family.



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### Robert & Noreen Bishop (Residents of Eagle Lake, Ontario)



Peacefully at their home in Eagle Lake, surrounded by their family on Tuesday morning, March 27, 2018. Loving parents of Rob (Michelle), Chris (Nancy), JD (Janice), Angela (Doug) and Steve (Joanne). Fondly remembered by their loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends. Bob Bishop started R.J. Bishop and Son Real Estate in 1958. He created CATV Cable TV in Haliburton and Minden. They purchased Sir Sams Inn in 1965 and cleared three trails and installed a T-Bar lift for the winter of 1965/66. They sold the Inn in 1979 to James and Liz Orr. The Family has run the ski business for the last 52 years.

#### Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery. Those wishing to remember Robert and Noreen may do so by making a donation to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

*"Thank you for a wonderful life in My Haliburton Highlands."*

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### Norman 'Norm' Carr (Resident of Haliburton Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre surrounded by his family on Friday evening, March 23, 2018 in his 71st year. Beloved soulmate of Jan Carr (nee Sims). Loving father of Heather (Troy Prosser), Barbara (Chad Wubbolt) and Catherine (Steven St.Cyr). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Hudson, Gabrielle, Noella, Addison, Avalon, Lincoln and Sydney. Norm was a teacher with the Durham Board of Education. He enjoyed nature, working with his hands, reading, was an outdoor enthusiast and most of all, Norm enjoyed his family.

#### Celebration of Life & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH 10 George St. Haliburton, Ontario on Monday afternoon, April 2, 2018 for a Celebration of Norm's life at 1 o'clock. Reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. As expressions of sympathy, donations to YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County or the Haliburton Highlands Secondary Scholarship Fund - Norman Carr would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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### Soyers Lake



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### Soyers Lake

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